FORCE PROTECTION

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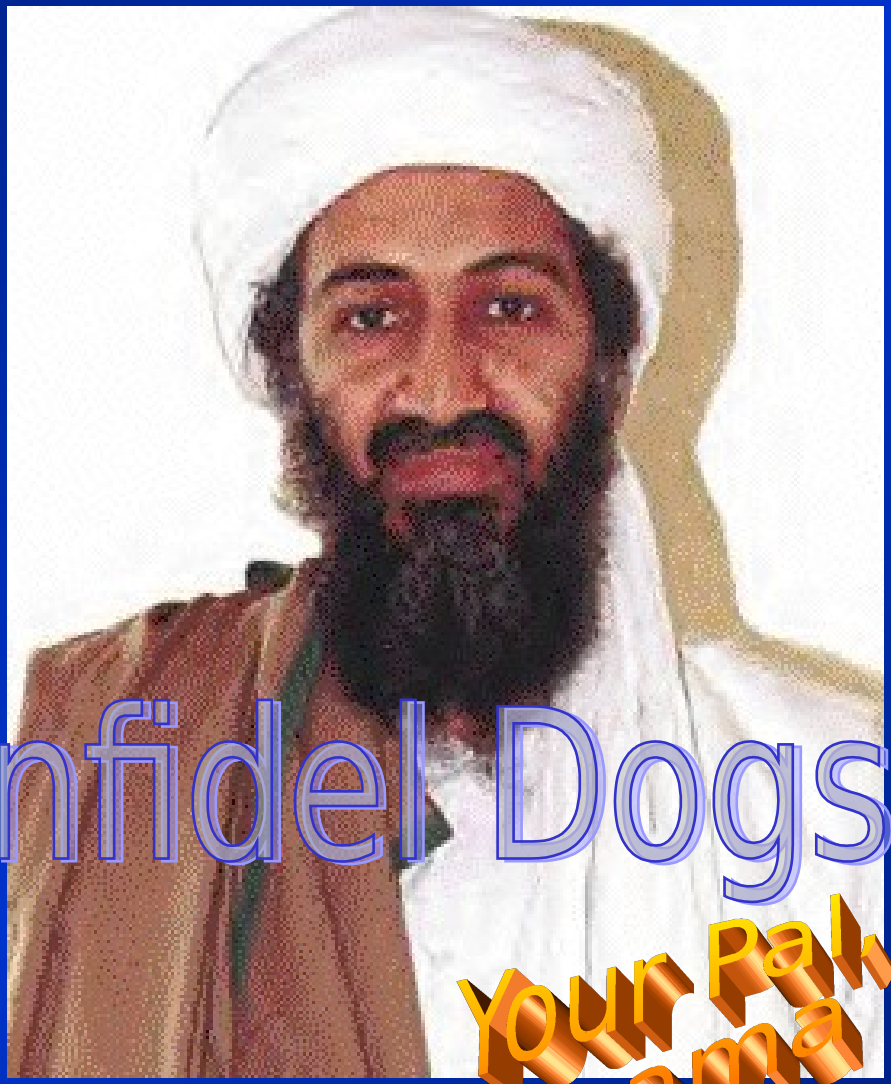
Greetings ABC Leaders!



Infidel Dogs!

Your Pal,
Usama

OVERVIEW:

- Definition
- Threats to Forces
- Key Elements to Force Protection
- Base Level Protection Measures
- Individual Measures
- Resources

***LIFE IS TOUGH*.**
IT'S EVEN TOUGHER IF YOU'RE *"STUPID"*.

John Wayne
1907-1979

FORCE PROTECTION

Definition: Security program designed to protect Air Force personnel, civilian employees, family members, facilities, and equipment, in all locations and situations, accomplished through planned and integrated application of combating terrorism, physical security, operations security, personal protective services, and supported by intelligence, counterintelligence, and other security programs.

Ref: USAF Installation Force Protection Guid

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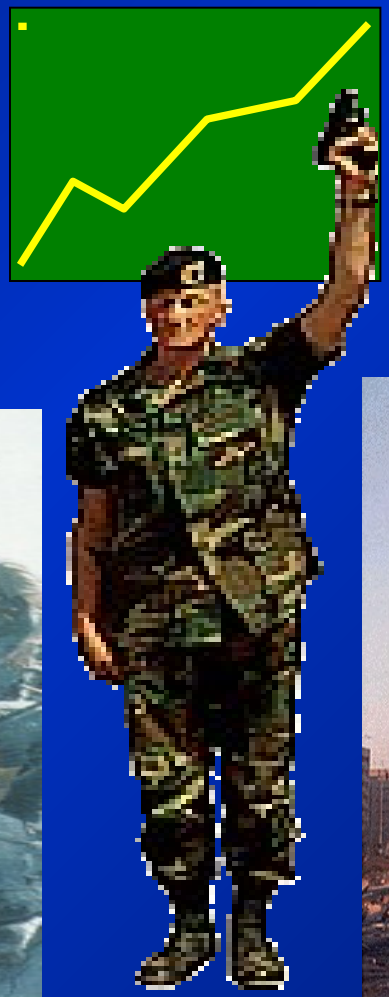

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Threats to Forces

- Violent Crime
- Terrorists
- Standoff Weapons

Criminal Profiles

- Any Race
  - Male 15-27
  - Under/Unemployed
  - Poorly Educated but NOT Stupid
    - 37% use/abuse alcohol or drugs
  - Stay Off “ZERO”
  - Bathrooms and Bar Rooms
- Video Feedback

Criminal Environment

- **70% Transitory Areas**
  - **Airports, Parking Lots, Garages, Retail Establishments**
- **Danger Zones**
  - **Stairwells, Elevators**

What Can You Do?

- **Traveling in Groups of Two Reduces Your Chance of Being Victimized by 70%**

- **Traveling in Groups of Three or More Reduces Your Chance of Being Victimized by 90%**

Billeting

- Room Location
  - 3 - 7 Floor
  - Peep Holes
  - Locks
  - Flashlights
  - Room Keys / Page Service
- Know Location of Stairs / Exits

TERRORISM

Most Common Terrorist Acts

- BOMBINGS
- ARSON
- KIDNAPPING
- HIJACK
- SKYJACKING
- ASSASSINATION
- AMBUSHES
- ARMED ASSAULTS
- HOSTAGE TAKING/BARRICADES
- MAIMINGS

"If the terrorist really want you they will get y

“WHY HUNT TIGERS WHEN THERE ARE SO MANY SHEEP TO BE HAD”

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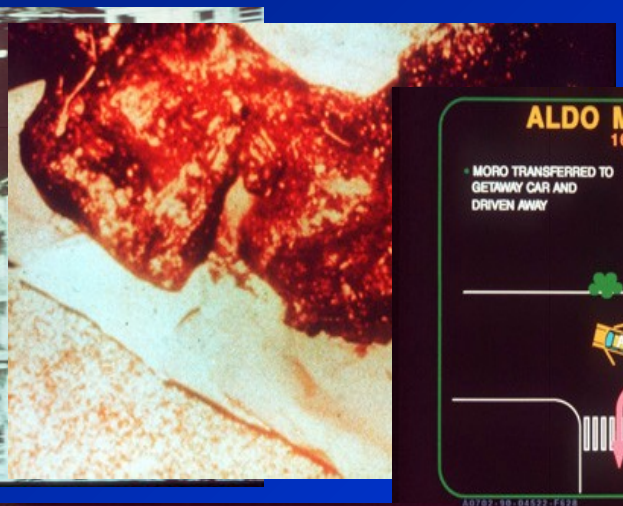
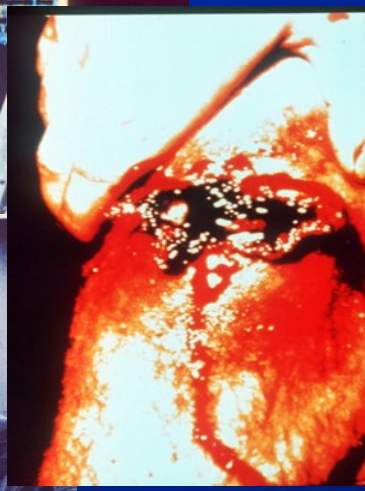


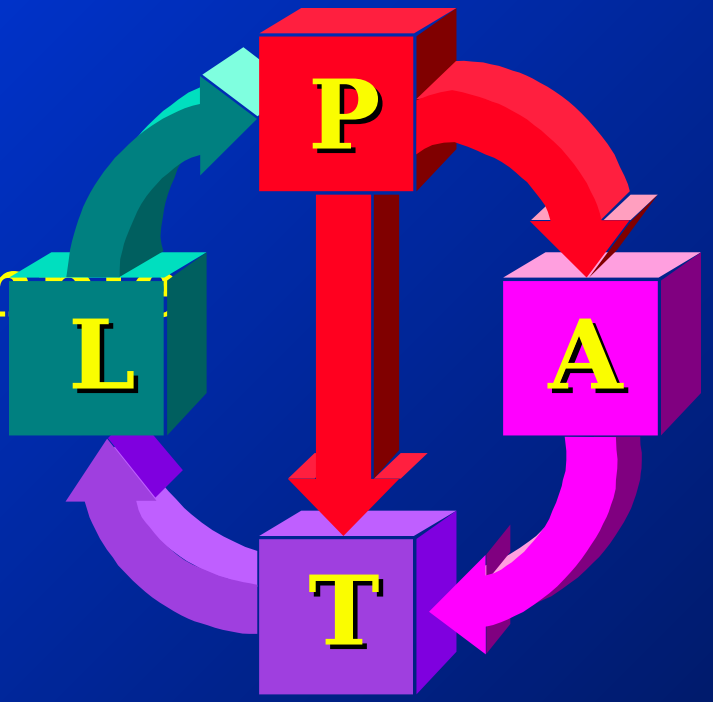


Characteristics of Terrorist Operations

- Meticulously Planned
- Use Smallest Element Possible
- Strict Security Measures
- Attack Targets that are Undefended or have a Weak Security Profile

Key Elements to Force Protection

- Planning
- Awareness
- Training
- Leadership by Exam



Key Elements to Force Protection

VICARIOUS LIABILITY

- **Long established in the civilian community, has recently been applied to the military**

- **Imposes indirect legal responsibility upon commanders for the actions or inaction of subordinates**

Ref: Joint Pub 3-07.2, Joint Tactics, Techniques, and Antiterrorism (page III-6, para 10)

Base Level Protection Measures

- Circulation & Parking
- Host Nation Workers
- Staff Cars
- Lighting
- R.A.M.

Security by Definition is an Inconvenience

Individual Measures

- Physical Training
- Deny Information
- Overcome Routines
- Lower Profile
- Situational Awareness
- Prepare for the Unexpected

Resources

- AF / MAJCOM Force Protection Battle Lab
- AF Security Forces Group and Flights
  - 820 MTT For LMW / AEW
- Force Protection Board
- Phoenix Raven

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“TRAIN LIKE YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT”

“BECAUSE IT DOES”

I have neither the time nor the inclination to explain myself to a man who rises and sleeps under the blanket of the very freedom that we provide and then questions the way in which we provide it. I would rather he just say "thank you" and then went on his way. Otherwise, I suggest he pick up a weapon and stand a post.